

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

VS.

Defendant.

ORDER

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Court specifically finds that this additional response time benefits Defendant. The Court also observes that COVID-19 continues to play a significant role in complicating litigation. As such the Court **GRANTS** the Joint Motion [Doc. 49] and the Government's Motion to Continue [Doc. 50] the trial in this matter.

The Court sets the following deadlines for this matter:

New Scheduling Dates	
Trial Date	March 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. before Senior U.S. District Judge J. Ronnie Greer
Estimated length of trial	2 days
Responses to Objections to the Report and Recommendation Due	December 22, 2020
Plea Agreement Deadline	February 23, 2021
Requests for Special Jury Instructions	5 days before trial

For the reasons stated above and those set forth in Standing Order 20-21 which canceled all jury trials in the District from November 30, 2020 through January 15, 2021, all time between the filing of this order and the new trial date identified above is hereby declared "excludable time" under the Speedy Trial Act. The ends of justice served by the granting of this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

If Defendant and the United States enter into a plea agreement, a copy of the fully executed agreement shall be filed on or before the plea deadline identified above with an exact copy

simultaneously furnished to the chambers of the district judge. All provisions in the Order on Discovery and Scheduling not explicitly amended by this order shall remain in effect.

SO ORDERED:

s/ Cynthia Richardson Wyrick
United States Magistrate Judge